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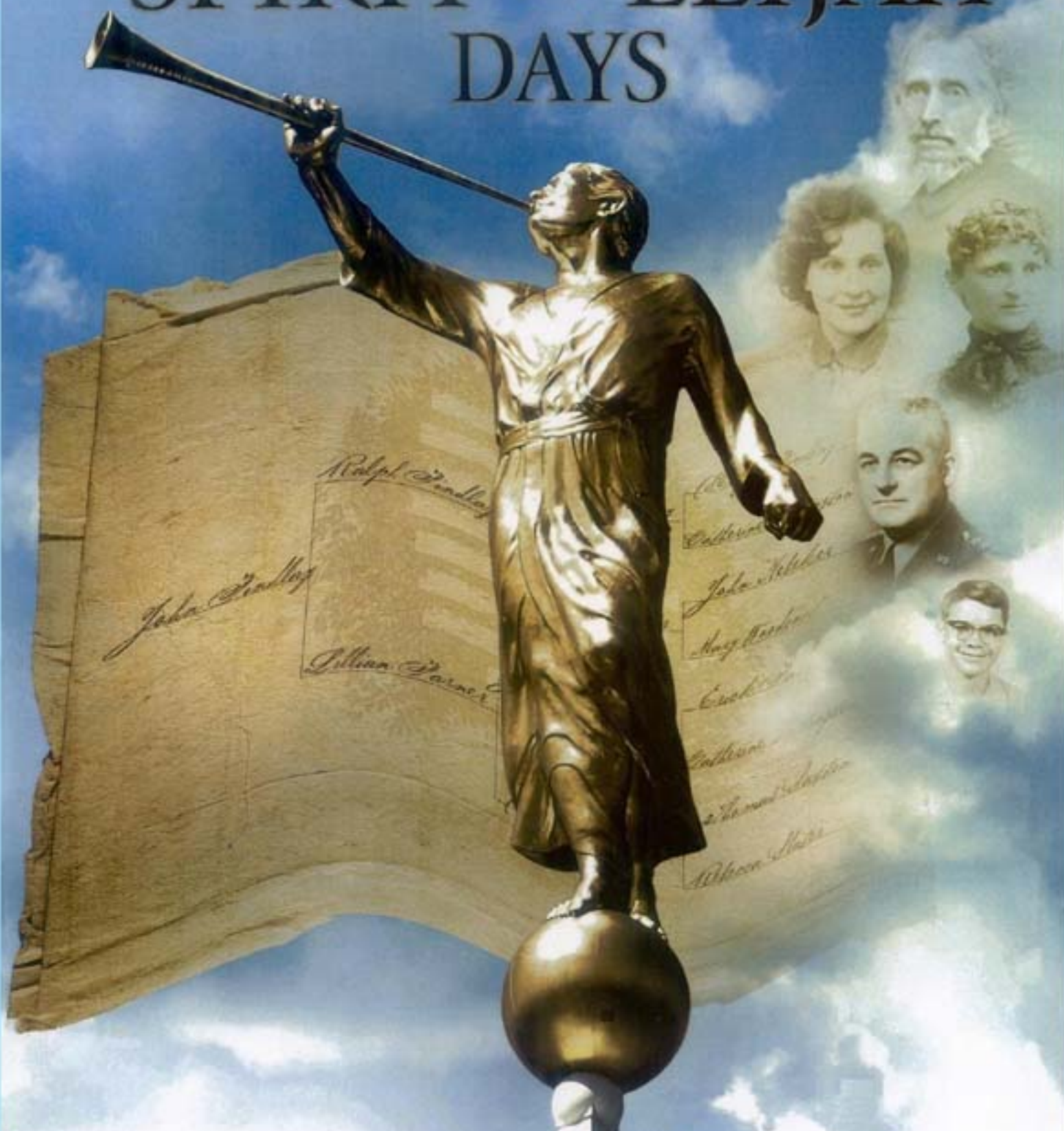
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SPIRIT OF ELIJAH DAYS



"BEHOLD, I WILL SEND YOU ELIJAH THE PROPHET BEFORE THE COMING OF THE GREAT AND DREADFUL DAY OF THE LORD: AND HE SHALL TURN THE HEART OF THE FATHERS TO THE CHILDREN, AND THE HEART OF THE CHILDREN TO THEIR FATHERS, LEST I COME AND SMITE THE EARTH WITH A CURSE. MALACHI 4:5-6

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OBJECTIVE

M.A.G.I. Course #14 educates the student to the proper understanding of collecting, correlating and validating information for our ancestors and to prepare this data for temple submission.

Many have asked me, "How do I submit my ancestors for their ordinance work to the Temple?"

In this course lesson, I will address the procedures, techniques, methods and resources available one can use to gather, collect and verify vital information needed to make acceptable temple submissions.

FIRST THINGS FIRST...

This course assumes you are a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and hold a current Temple Recommend or you are at least a member in good standing. If this is not the case, then read no further...the following information would be of no benefit to you.

As mandated by the Lord, in these Latter Days, ordained through the Prophet Joseph Smith we have been authorized to perform certain sacred ordinances in the Lord's Holy Temples necessary for the progression and salvation of the living as well as our kindred dead.

This is possible by using a proxy for the dead and in our deceased ancestor's name; perform these ordinances on their behalf, thereby allowing them the same rights, privileges and blessings enjoyed by the living.

If accepted by the recipient, these ordinances not only allows our ancestors to progress in the spirit world but also, necessitates the living to research, verify and validate the vital statistics concerning their ancestors. Using true and accurate vital information to the best of our ability when performing these ordinances is of extreme importance.

TOOLS OF THE TRADE...

As in all endeavors, there are tools needed to assist us in accomplishing our goals. The primary tool needed to help us in this quest is the computer.

To learn what it was like doing family history research prior to the advent of the computer age read the following "**Master Accreditation of the Genealogical Institute M.A.G.I. Course Lesson #1 Genesis...In the Beginning**" 2014 master ws.pdf can be accessed at <https://openlibrary.org/people/floydpratt59/lists> under the list labeled...**Genealogical Institute**.

Not only do you need access to a computer, but also you need a computer with an Internet connection. This can be a unit you personally own or one you have access to such as the ones provided for free by the Family History Centers of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

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FAMILY HISTORY CENTERS

Family History Centers have been established by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints around the world to help members and non-members research their family histories.

Some of the services Family History Centers (FHC) can provide are to help the beginner to find out how much research work has been done on their ancestors.

The volunteer patrons who work at the FHC can teach you how and where to search for additional information necessary to validate your ancestor's history and how to use that information to complete the forms necessary for submission to the temples.

These FHC can be located in your local phone book or by going to the following web address...

<https://familysearch.org/locations/centerlocator>

One of the advantages of using a FHC...the personal one-on-one assistance from Family History Consultants **FREE OF CHARGE** trained to help you research your family history.

These experts have years of training and are certified to help you in your research.

The best way to contact a FHC is to call the center where you live and ask them their hours of operation and make an appointment to meet with one of their consultants.

Take with you all your material you have concerning your family, and if you already have been using a Genealogy Program, like Legacy, Roots Magic, Family Tree Maker, etc, take along a cd disc with your family files in the format of the program you are using.

If you are not that advanced in your research, take along your notes and papers concerning your family.

If finding a way to the local Family History Center would present a hardship, then ask one of the Family History Consultants if they could meet you at your home and help you with your research at your residence. This they are authorized to do and are trained to help.

Family History Centers are equipped with the latest tools and materials as well as the best-trained personnel in the world to help you with your family history research. To neglect their help is like taking a journey with one shoe, you might get to your destination but you made the trip harder than it had to be.

Remember, this course I present here is a step-by-step guide to help you identify, validate and submit your ancestors for the temple ordinances they need.

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Utilizing the services of a Family History Center is vital to your growth and knowledge to achieve these goals.

LET'S GET STARTED...

There are several steps in this process leading to the completion of the 6 ordinances necessary for the salvation and eternal life of man. If you need additional information concerning these ordinances and their purposes thereof...consult your Bishop for an explanation including an in-depth meaning of each of these ordinances.

What I am going to concentrate on, in this course, is explaining the process necessary in getting your ancestors to the temple so these ordinances may be completed.

There are three basic steps in completing these ordinances...[1] **identify** your ancestors, [2] **confirm** and validate their information, [3] **organize** their data for submission.

IDENTIFY YOUR ANCESTORS

Most of us have a basic understanding of who our parents were, and some are aware of who our grandparents were but many of us unless we have studied our family history in depth do not know all of our aunts, uncles, cousins and great grandparents.

The first place to start filling in the blanks is to download a personal genealogy program off of the Internet to our personal working computer. There are several programs offered freely, the one I like can be found at the following...

<http://legacyfamilytree.com/>

You can download the free "standard" version and order the Deluxe later if you so decide.

In any case, whatever program you use is necessary for you to keep in an organized manner your names, notes, parents, grandparents, spouses, children and documents, pictures, resources and other information for your OWN records.

Using ancestry.com or Family Search or any other on-line genealogy program as your ONLY source of record keeping is highly inadvisable.

Once you have made your choice of a personal genealogy program and have downloaded the program you wish to use, it is time to insert all the data you have concerning yourself and ancestors.

Don't be in a hurry to start filling in the blanks you don't know the answers to, your research stage is a long way off, so just for now fill in what you do know and we can fix what you don't know later.

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Start with yourself and fill in your full name, dates are written as 3 January 1948 and locations are written with the smallest locale first followed by the next locale such as Bourbon [City], Boone Township [Twp], Crawford County [County], Missouri [State], United States [Country]

HISTOPOLIS INSTRUCTIONS

Many of you probably wonder how I can get Townships and exact locations for anywhere in the United States when I post my material in my tree; Pratt Progenitor Papers. The following website is my secret. <http://www.histopolis.com/Place/US>

At the top of the page it starts out with a tab heading on the left called the United States. Put your cursor on the United States tab and it will drop down a list of states. Go to the state and then it will drop down a list of counties. After the state and county is displayed it will give you a list of townships, cities and cemeteries.

When you list the city, Histopolis usually gives you the full name of the city, the township, and the county, the state followed by the United States. I **highlight** the whole line and copy then paste it into my personal genealogy program database then I also paste it into my family tree on ancestry.com.

Once I have listed that location in my Legacy program it always gives me the correct location without retyping the entry.

If Histopolis does not show the location or you don't know the county of the city you are looking for, **Google the city and state and Wikipedia** will give you the county, then go back to Histopolis and you should be able to find the city and the township. Once you have the location scroll down and it will show you the nearest cities and cemeteries to that location.

THEY STILL DON'T GET IT...

When I began my family history research back in 1975 the church and other databases told us all to list our locations as such...Bourbon, Boone Twp, Crawford, Missouri, United States. The trouble with this method...not everyone knew that Boone Twp stood for Boone Township with the County of Crawford and misinterpreted the Twp to mean town.

Those who were less educated concerning locations and the definitions thereof began to post their errors in various databases, as you will see as your research progresses.

Also, by listing a county as Crawford, Missouri, United States confused the issue since some counties were called as in Ireland...County Donegal.

I began to see, due to programmers wanting to take shortcuts; they were creating location identity problems.

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So, now regardless of the software's limitations, I use Bourbon, Boone Township, Crawford County, Missouri, United States as my entries and eventually the programmers will see the wisdom and will change their programs to conform to a proper listing of locations.

Also, due to their penchant for abbreviations, some genealogy programs have adopted USA to represent the United States of America. However, there is now a nation in Africa using USA as their abbreviation. If you are going to do this right, then let's quit taking shortcuts and do it right in the first place.

For instance, under the current programming they want us to list Kankakee, Kankakee Twp, Kankakee, Illinois, United States. If your ancestor says he was born in Kankakee, Illinois, which province does he mean? Kankakee the city? Kankakee the Township, Kankakee the County?

By using the listing from Histopolis I can copy the following...by highlighting **Kankakee, Kankakee Township, Kankakee County, Illinois, United States** all with one stroke and paste same.

I recommend you list each and every location in your program with the full location address so you won't have to "upgrade" your locations at a later date. Sure, it takes a little longer to look it up in Histopolis but you will have your locations with correct data and it will save you time in the long run.

If they were born in a township or near a town, list them as born **near** Bourbon, Boone Township, Crawford County, Missouri, United States do the same for their death location.

Using this procedure will not only save you a great deal of typing but will make your locations consistent and easy to understand.

NOW WHAT?

Now that you have entered in your computer program all you know, all your parents know and all your grandparents know about your families, it is time to go shopping.

Shopping in the family history genre means, "lets find out what others know about my families."

The first place to go for this information is to www.ancestry.com. If you are a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, ancestry.com has an agreement with the church to give church members **free** membership.

The procedure to sign-up for this benefit can be found at the following...

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<http://www.deseretnews.com/article/865595778/LDS-Church-members-will-get-free-access-to-more-family-history-records.html?pg=all>

<https://www.lds.org/church/news/church-members-gain-free-access-to-178-billion-family-history-records?lang=eng>

<https://familysearch.org/partneraccess>

You will need your church **membership number** and your **confirmation date** for some of these websites. If you don't know your membership number it is on your tithing settlement papers or you can obtain it from your ward clerk.

Check your ward directory for your current active ward clerk and give him a call and he will be able to help you with these items. You will also need these numbers to sign up for an LDS account, more about that later.

WWW.ANCESTRY.COM

After you have jumped through all the hoops by enrolling into ancestry.com and now have free access to ancestry.com and if you are having difficulty with signing up, then ask one of the Family History Center library patrons and they will be able to help you.

Ancestry has a great beginners course and will help you start a tree. After deciding what you want to **name your tree**, then following their guidelines either fill in their tree by putting each person from your tree OR convert your data from your personal genealogy program into a gedcom file and upload this file to ancestry.com and they will add **ALL** your relatives to the new tree you have created.

In your personal family history program under the File tab, should be an Export tab. Under this tab will be choices to export your family history data to a gedcom file. Chose a new name for the gedcom file for instance Ralph.ged and your genealogy program will collect all the data from your file and create a new file called Ralph.ged and save it on your computer where you designate.

In ancestry.com they will ask you if you want to import a gedcom file. You say yes and direct them to Ralph.ged on your computer. Ancestry.com will convert your Ralph.ged to their database and save the information under the new name you assigned to your ancestry.com tree.

This saves you hours and hours of typing and retyping the data in your ancestry.com tree.

Now with your new family tree in ancestry.com you are ready to check for hints and add data to your ancestry.com tree. Now comes the research phase of your journey.

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HOW TO ADD DATA FROM ANCESTRY.COM

The subject's name at the top of the page in your ancestry.com tree may show some numbers under the little **HINT** sign. These numbers are suggestions of records that **may or may not** pertain to your named person.

Open up the hints and there will be a list of documents, records and other sources containing information about the named individual. Open up these records and review them and if they are records of your person, then save them to his name in your tree. If they are not the same guy, then ignore those records.

As you add these records to your tree, they will be listed under the **FACTS** tab so you can review what you do know about them and at a glance you will see what you do not know about them. This way you can see in a chronological order what information you are lacking to complete your research for that ancestor.

For instance, if one of these records is the Social Security Death Index then you can add that information to your ancestry.com tree. **Highlight** the information from ancestry.com and copy and paste this information into your personal genealogy program in the notes section.

For an explanation of how to create Cradle to Grave Profiles see the book, "**Master Accreditation of the Genealogical Institute M.A.G.I. Course Lesson #5 The Anatomy of the Cradle To Grave (C2G) Profile**"...2015 master ws.pdf can be accessed at <https://openlibrary.org/people/floydpratt59/lists> under the list labeled...**Genealogical Institute**.

By copying the information found in ancestry.com into your personal genealogy program, you can build a chronological history of your ancestor thereby collecting the vital records needed to prove and validate your relationship to your ancestor.

Once we have, birth dates and location, parental relationship, spouse name including birth date and location, their death date and location including spousal parentage information, marriage date and location, children birth date and locations, death and burial date and locations we have enough data to positively identify our relationship and thereby have collected enough information to warrant temple ordinances.

Once, you have your ancestor identified, then process his/her parents, then siblings, spouses, and children and their spouses and grandchildren. Most likely someone else have already researched these people to some extent and ancestry.com will provide you with additional family trees with all these people and records so with a click of a button you can transfer what others have done to your tree without researching or retyping.

And as always, copy them with their records to your personal genealogy program.

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There are enough records, sources, documents, and "others" family trees on ancestry.com to help you find all the data you will need to complete your research and qualify them for temple ordinances.

FAMILY SEARCH...

Now, we have identified our ancestor, we have proven by records and sources vital information about their life, now it is time to see if and what Temple ordinances needs to be completed.

We need to go to the following website... <https://familysearch.org/>

If you have already signed in with Family Search then go to your tree. If not, in the upper right hand corner is Sign In. Follow the instructions and be sure to write down your user name and password.

If you are new to family search and do not have a family tree established yet in their database, then you want to upload your gedcom file to their database and create a new tree. If not, or someone else has already put your ancestors into family search then you want to go the tab that says Family Tree.

Family Search keeps track of people by assigning them a PID number.

This number follows their name and is a combination of letters and numbers. For instance, LH3C-DTF is a typical number. To help expedite your search, use that number in the space that says **Find by ID**.

With your tree now in Family Search you can use the records Family Search has acquired over the years to see if there are additional records not found in ancestry.com, which can be added to your Family Search Tree.

After signing in to Family Search you will see several tabs across the top...

[1] FAMILY TREE THIS IS YOUR FAMILY TREE WITH SUBCATEGORIES

Tree will display your family tree in various formats including charts

Person will display your name and vital statistics

Find will search for someone in your tree by manually inserting his or her statistics or the easy way by using their ID number

Lists gives you a list of the people you have selected for further watching

Family Booklet is a part of Family Search where for a fee they will help create a family booklet for you.

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[2] MEMORIES IS A COLLECTION OF PHOTOS, STORIES AND DOCUMENTS

Photos allows you to embed photos into your family search tree for your ancestors.

Stories will allow you to add short stories including obits and personal recollections to our ancestors.

Documents such as marriage records and any other forms or documents of interest can be added to our ancestors.

Audio recordings of your ancestors can be placed here.

People of interest to your ancestors can be attached to the file in this location.

Albums will allow you to create a common album for you ancestor.

Find Photos and Stories will help you locate information concerning your ancestor.

[3] SEARCH INCLUDES A VAST DATABASE OF RECORDS ALL OVER THE WORLD.

Records opens up the vast record database covering the world.

Search Genealogies is a database others have submitted to family search you can access.

Family Search Catalog is a database covering genealogical materials (including books, online materials, microfilm, microfiche, and publications) made available by FamilySearch. Many items can be loaned to local family history centers around the world.

Family History Books is a collection of more than 200,000 digitized genealogy and family history publications from the archives of some of the most important family history libraries in the world. The collection includes family histories, county and local histories, genealogy magazines and how-to books, gazetteers, and medieval histories and pedigrees. The valuable resources included in Family History Books come from the following partner institutions:

- [Allen County Public Library](#)
- [Brigham Young University Harold B. Lee Library](#)
- [Brigham Young University Idaho David O. McKay Library](#)
- [Brigham Young University Hawaii Joseph F. Smith Library](#)
- [Church History Library](#)
- [Family History Library](#)
- [Houston Public Library - Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research](#)
- [Mid-Continent Public Library - Midwest Genealogy Center](#)
- [Historical Society of Pennsylvania](#)
- [Onondaga County Public Library](#)
- [University of Florida, George A. Smathers Libraries](#)
- [Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records](#)

Family History Research Wiki Get genealogical research advice, or learn where to find record collections in our [82,791](#) articles

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[4] INDEXING IS A VOLUNTEER PROGRAM FOR INDIVIDUALS LIKE YOU, WHO WISH TO TRANSCRIBE RECORDS THE CHURCH HAS ON MICROFILM TO THE DIGITAL MEDIA FOR FREE ACCESS BY EVERYONE.

Overview describes the program. When the Lord instructed the leadership of the church to send photographers to the courthouses, city halls, churches, and municipalities in all various governments in the world, they were instructed to take pictures of these vital records, which were put on microfilm and rented out to interested researchers all over the world. Now, these microfilmed records need to be converted to digital format. This requires volunteers to read and convert these analog formatted records to the digital format.

Find a Project allows you to pick and choose the indexing project you would like to participate.

Help Resources gives the indexer access to a vast library of help aids.

My Indexing is in trial stage at this time.

[5] TEMPLE IS A LIST OF RECORDS RESERVED BY YOU FROM EVERYONE PENDING IN YOUR FAMILY TREE OR RECORDS COMPLETED OR PARTIALLY COMPLETED.

Once you have added your database to the Family Search or have entered and updated your family records you are ready to check to see who has had their ordinances completed and who still needs work.

All Reserved is a list of all the people you have printed or sent to the temple showing the various stages of completion. Once completed their name will be removed from this list.

Not Printed is a list of people you have not printed so you can do their work or you have not assigned to the temple for someone else to do their work. Effectively, they are in limbo.

Printed these are ancestors you have personally printed a form for you to take to the temple.

Shared these are ancestors you have assigned to the temple system to have someone else perform the ordinances.

Opportunities are suggestions of ancestors by the temple system they feel you may go ahead and perform the ordinances.

CHECKING THE TEMPLE ORDINANCES...

If you noticed, when you used the Find By ID box and paste your ancestor's ID into the box Family Search found your person.

Under their name are three tabs; Details, Memories and Ordinances

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[1] Details shows you what information you have on them at that particular date and time.

[2] Memories is a place for you to insert Photos, Documents, Stories and Audio recordings.

[3] Ordinances show you what has been submitted and is pending, or what has been completed or informs you this individual is ready to their ordinances.

The legend is as follows, **B** is for Baptism, **C** is for Confirmation, **I** is for the Initiatory
E is for the Endowment, **SP** is for Sealing to Parents, **SS** is for Sealing to Spouse

If they are all completed, the record will state the date the ordinance was completed and the temple in which it was completed. If completed then move on to another ancestor. If one or more of the ordinances are in **ready** status, then concentrate on completing those ordinances.

CHOOSING HOW YOU WISH THE ORDINANCE WORK TO BE COMPLETED...

These ordinances must be completed in a specific order. You cannot complete them out of order.

Once you have identified who needs their ordinances completed it is time to decide how you wish them completed.

You have basically three choices to complete your ancestor's ordinances.

PRINT OUT THE FORM

[1] Print out the form on a printer and take the form to the temple of your choice and they will issue you a blue card for males, a pink card for females and/or a yellow card for marriage sealings.

When you click on the ordinances tab, a legend will be displayed and on the left side the ordinances will be listed.

The STATUS will show you if **completed** or **reserved** meaning someone else has reserved that ordinance or **Request** will be displayed meaning this ordinance is waiting for someone to complete.

If you see a **reserved**, you can click on the name of the person who has reserved that ordinance and email them and request then to release this individual so you can do the work. Most will comply.

If you see **Request** then this person is waiting for their ordinances to be completed.

Click on the Request Ordinances label and you will see your ancestor with the green legend authorizing you to go ahead and check the box next to his name.

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You will be taken to the Church Policy page showing exceptions, restrictions and limitations to ordinance work for some ancestors. After reading and agreeing to the conditions, click the box at the bottom and click the [ADD TO Temple Ordinance List](#) button.

A new page will appear showing the ordinances and your name as requesting these ordinances showing a NOT PRINTED status.

If you wish to [1] PRINT a form so you may take them to the temple, or a friend or relative can take them to the temple click the PRINT button.

If you wish to [2] SHARE them with others to do the Temple work at a future date click the SHARE button.

If you have changed your mind and you decide not to do their temple work, click the [3] UNRESERVE button.

After printing the page showing your ancestor and all the ordinances you wish to do on their behalf, check the printed page to make sure it is correct. Then take that page to the temple administration office where they will print up the appropriate color card.

SHARING WITH THE TEMPLE

[2] When you select an individual for Temple ordinances, the computer program will give you another option besides printing the form for you to personally do the ordinances. They will ask you if you wish to SHARE with the temple to do the ordinances for your ancestor.

If you select this option, the program will assign your ancestor to a pool of ancestors from all over the world and when a baptism, confirmation, initiatory, endowment, sealing to parents, sealing to spouse is needed in one of the temples located around the world, then your ancestor may be selected for completion by someone.

This choice takes a long time to be completed since there are only so many temples in the world and volunteers staff them and I have seen some take as long as 8 years to be completed. If you are in a hurry or you want to make sure your ancestor's work is completed, then I suggest you choose option number [1] from above.

HAVE SOMEONE ELSE GO TO THE TEMPLE FOR YOU

[3] The third option to completing an ancestor's ordinances is to get someone from your ward or a family relative or friend to complete the ordinance for you at the temple. This would amount to you giving them the form from the printer and they taking the form to the temple and the temple personnel converting the form to a blue, pink or yellow card for ordinance work.

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After the ordinance work is completed, the temple date stamps the form and returns them to your family file at the temple. Also, your ancestor is recorded in the Church Records as well as the heavenly records when completed.

The family file is a box housing completed ordinances in the administration office. Look in the file under your surname and any ordinances that have been completed will be in your file waiting for you to pick them up or if someone took the form to the temple for you they can pick-up the completed form and bring it back to you.

As these ordinances are completed, you and I can't see it, but a great celebration is going on across the veil, for your ancestor. Some of our ancestor's have been waiting hundreds of years for this work to be completed.

Couples are reunited; children are together with their parents, siblings and spouses. Great family reunions are taking place and when you cross the veil, many will hug your neck, kiss your face, kiss your feet in gratitude...for you were able and choose to do what they could not, would not or never had the opportunity to do while they were in the flesh.

THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR PERSONALLY PERFORMING THESE ORDINANCES FOR YOUR ANCESTORS.

Not only are there stories, testimonies and encounters between the living and their deceased ancestors during these ordinance procedures, but also there are witnesses to these events. For some examples of these encounters read the following...

My father; Floyd Theodore Pratt known to family and friends, as "Ted" was not interested in religion. However after his death something happened to change his mind, read the story concerning his conversion in my article, "**Floyd Theodore Pratt and His Unlikely Conversion**" 2015 by Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I. This article can be accessed at <https://openlibrary.org/people/floydpratt59/lists> under the list labeled...**View From The Mast.**

When you personally perform these ordinances for your ancestors, a strong bond between you and them takes place cementing a profound love that transcends the veil.

This bond will effect your life for the good and when it is your turn to crossover, you will be hailed a hero and not only will be called great by those you have helped, but you will become Saviors on Mount Zion as foretold by Joseph Smith. (Teachings of the Presidents of the Church: Joseph Smith, Chapter 41, page 468-478) <https://www.lds.org/manual/teachings-joseph-smith/chapter-41?lang=eng>

I beseech you my brothers and sisters, do all you can for your ancestors while you tarry in the flesh for one day your flesh will fail you and you will not be able to perform these sacred ordinances even if your heart carries a strong desire to do so. I wish to share a story with you.

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"How to Prepare Our Ancestors for the Temple..."

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A PARABLE OF TRUE RICHES

By Bill Britton

<http://billbrittonwritings.tripod.com/billbrittonswritings/id10.html>

Two men were going through a dark forest one night when they heard a cry for help. They were on a long journey, with only a certain amount of time to complete it, and they were in a hurry. The path they were on was narrow, and rather hard to follow.

They pondered the question as to whether or not they should answer the cry for help. It might be a trap. Or they might get lost in the dark forest. They would lose a lot of time. But they decided that if someone was in need of help, they really should find them. So they plunged into the forest, following the sounds of the cry for help. Deep in the forest they found him.

He was a little old man pinned under a large tree limb that had fallen upon him. One of the wolves of the forest had also heard him, and was almost upon him. But the two men drove the beast away with clubs. They lifted the limb and released him. He was bruised and sore, but there were no broken bones, and in a few minutes he was feeling much better.

He was very grateful, and thanked them profusely. He said: "You men have saved my life, and I want to do something for you that will make you very happy." They laughed at this, and said: "Why old man, what in the world could you do to make us happy? That is very foolish talk. You must be joking." They laughed some more.

This angered him very much. He said: "You should not have laughed at me. I am not joking. You saved my life and I am going to make you very happy. But because you laughed at me, you will also be very sad. Tonight on your journey, you will cross a dry creek bed. Stop and pick up some of the stones from the creek bed, and tomorrow you will be very happy and very sad." They were puzzled by this, and asked him to tell them the answer to the riddle. But he would only say, "When the sun comes up in the morning, look at the stones from the creek, and you will know the answer to the riddle."

As they continued their journey, they talked about the riddle and tried to figure out the answer, but to no avail. Finally, during the night, they crossed the creek. They remembered what the old man had said, and each one picked up a handful of stones from the creek bed and put them in his pocket. They continued on till morning. As the sun was rising, they stopped and sat down to rest for a few minutes. It was then they remembered the riddle, and how they were to look at the stones in the light of the sun, and know the answer to the riddle.

To their amazement and joy, when they examined the stones, they found them to be precious jewels... rubies, diamonds, pearls, and emeralds. With only a handful of these gems, they were richer than they had ever dreamed of being. They each had wealth enough to build a house of their own, and money to live on.

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They were very happy, and they danced around in joy and glee.

But suddenly they became very sad, for they only had a handful of these precious gems. Had they only known what was so near and available to them during their journey through the dark night, they could have emptied their packs of all their other baggage, and filled their packs with these riches. Had they done this, they would have been a hundred times richer than they were now. The very thought of what they had missed on their journey made them very, very sad.

This is a parable, dear friend, of your life. There is One who has made great riches available to you. But you must "lay aside every weight, and the sin which does so easily beset you", in order to get the most from what has been set aside for you. There is much baggage you must unload from your life. But it is worth it.

Jesus said, "Lay not up treasures on earth, but lay up treasures in Heaven." (Matthew 6:19) So there are treasures in Heaven. Colossians 2:3 says that treasures are hidden in Christ. Moses decided even the reproaches of Christ were greater riches than all the treasures of Egypt. (Hebrews 11:26) Revelation 7:17 tells us that God shall wipe away all tears from our eyes when we get to Heaven. Tears in Heaven? Why would there be tears in Heaven? Because people will suddenly discover that they have made it to Heaven, but did not lay up the treasures in Heaven that were available to them during their journey here.

Friend, we are on a life long journey through this age of darkness on this planet earth. But nothing here is so precious as that which He has prepared for us. Cast aside all the useless weights that hold us to the pleasures of this carnal earthly life, and apprehend the very treasures of Heaven that will make you rich for all eternity! You will never regret anything you give up here for His sake. Trust Him, He is telling the truth. Call upon Him today, and give Him all of your life! [END]

This was one of the first stories I heard when I became a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in 1975. As I close out my 42nd year (2015) of genealogy and temple work I am concerned many of you are like these two men depicted above.

Many of you are laughing and don't believe some of us, who are telling you to do your temple work for your kindred dead and doing so will make you very happy.

Many of you will do a few ancestors' ordinances and others will do maybe their 4-generation minimum and still others won't even do their OWN temple ordinances.

In reality, when you cross the veil and meet your ancestors face to face, you will be both happy and sad. Happy you did the work for a few of your ancestors but sad you didn't try harder while you tarried in the flesh and did more of the work for more of your ancestors.

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As the Savior has said in John 15:13, "*Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.*" And are not our ancestors our friends?

Is it not good to wear out our lives in pursuit of temple work for our ancestors? And when we do this work are we not storing blessings and treasures in heaven as counseled by the Savior?

So, in reality, when we pursue temple ordinances for our kindred dead and we wear out our bodies in pursuit of this worthy cause, we are in effect, laying down our lives for our ancestors, which amounts to no greater love.

Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I.

8 January 2016

A Little Something About Your Author.....

Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I.



At the age of 19, Mr. Pratt embarked on a career in law enforcement. This experience gave him training in detective and investigative skills. Little did Mr. Pratt know, how useful these skills would be in the field of genealogy.


Floyd started his family research career in 1975 after becoming a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. His first calling as a new member was to serve in the newly created genealogical department or known today as the Family History Center in the Springfield, Missouri ward. This two-year calling gave Mr. Pratt a tremendous amount of experience helping others to research their families.

In fact, he felt family research came easy and required little effort on his part. In reality, years of reading and studying increased his expertise and he made it look easy to others. Over the course of several years, Mr. Pratt was asked by his church to instruct several family history courses. This experience established a deep profound love for family and ancestors. It was not uncommon for Mr. Pratt to spend 4 to 8 hours a day researching and compiling family histories in addition to his duties, as an entrepreneur in the insurance business.

The first major achievement for Mr. Pratt was a breakthrough on his Pratt family back to the early 1800's. Due to confusion with Pratt ancestors and not satisfied with just the direct line research, Mr. Pratt branched out to research all connected lines and allied families.

This dedication led to 50,000 individuals in his database and has achieved expert status for Mr. Pratt on the families of middle and eastern Missouri, eastern and western Tennessee and central North Carolina.

Concerning Mr. Pratt's style of research, he is a strong supporter of the "hands on" approach. When he took family vacations, they usually went to libraries, cemeteries, courthouses, National Archive centers, and visited family members in various states. He attended family reunions and obtained his material from the actual sources when possible.

Being a researcher of the highest degree, in 1991, Mr. Pratt created  **Pratt Publications**.

He began to offer to the public, a series of books titled, Pratt Progenitor Papers. This series of volumes are a collection of legal documents, stories, pictures and historical presentations concerning the families of Missouri, Tennessee and North Carolina.

The first three Volumes were released to the public in 1991 and were issued to 18 different libraries including the Library of Congress and the St. Louis Public Library. The next 11 volumes were sent to the Salt Lake Genealogical Library with 60 volumes scheduled for publication.

In 1996, Mr. Pratt created the  **Genealogical Institute** to further the education of serious researchers.

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The **Genealogical Institute** offers a series of educational materials to teach and instruct the novice as well as advanced researchers, procedures Mr. Pratt has tried and tested to be of great value in family history research. These courses offer “a hands on” curriculum designed to instruct in investigative, deductive reasoning and logical techniques for tracking your family history. Many have found a treasure chest of knowledge when undertaking these courses.

Mr. Pratt has taken the hobby of genealogy and has enhanced it into a science. Heavy on instructions concerning documentation, research procedures, alternative sources and common public records, these courses are valuable tools for the family history researcher. Mr. Pratt has been informed by researchers his material found in his publications are recorded as source validation for such organizations as the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

Upon completion of the educational courses from the **Genealogical Institute**, the graduate is awarded the *Master Accreditation* of the *Genealogical Institute*. (*M.A.G.I.*) Written in easy to read format with detailed explanations concerning various subjects of interest to family history researchers.

Mr. Pratt's ability in family history research has amazed many experienced researchers. When Mr. Pratt is asked for help concerning their “brick wall” in their family research, his quick wit and logical mind rapid fires instructions and procedures so fast they cannot write the material quickly enough. Little do they realize, this knowledge has been acquired over 40 years of research.

In June of 2000, Mr. Pratt undertook a new and unprecedented task. Outside of Washington, Saint John's Township, Franklin County, Missouri is an old cemetery called the Johnson-Caldwell Cemetery aka; misnamed the McAllister Cemetery. This cemetery has many pioneer heroes and ancestors of various descendants from that region. Some of the inhabitants were born in the 1750's and arrived in the Missouri Territory shortly after the 1803 Louisiana Purchase.

Mr. Pratt recorded all the information off of the headstones including every person in the cemetery and researched each individual related to Mr. Pratt or not. 1000 man-hours and two years later, he published the book “**JOHNSON-CALDWELL CEMETERY OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSOURI**”©.

Obtaining newspapers, legal documents, talking to ancestors and researching various sources for any and all information concerning the history of the cemetery and the inhabitants produced this master text.

What makes this book unique is based on several factors. First, it is the only book to report on each inhabitant, their birth and activities throughout their life until their death, including their ancestors, spouses and children. Second, this book contains a unique index, listing the individual and their father's name if known. This is extremely helpful when several individuals have the same given name.

Upon examination, professional researchers have hailed this body of work as a masterpiece and a standard in which all future research should be based. No one has ever produced a body of work as unique and professional as this publication.

As the years moved on, Mr. Pratt became concerned about his 40 years of hard research work of various family histories. After a serious heart attack in 2012, Mr. Pratt decided to post his collective bodies of work on a website making them available to all interested researchers without compensation.

A Little Something About Your Author.....

After careful consideration, Mr. Pratt chose the website www.openlibrary.org. "Open Library" is a repository of millions of digital books available to the public for free.

There are two or more ways to access Mr. Pratt's publications.

If you open the website as listed above you click on the authors label on the left hand side and type Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I. The website will open to his name, click his name and you will be directed to a listing with his name, picture and listing of presently 79 publications (2015).

You can either scroll the list or an easier way to reach his lists is at the following website...

<https://openlibrary.org/people/floydpratt59/lists>

If you notice there are currently 9 lists or categories of books, article, stories and commentaries attributed to Mr. Pratt's publications.

These "Lists" are broken down as follows not necessarily in any order...

Vital Text Series This section covers public vital records. Including marriage records, deeds, census records, births, deaths, probate and indexes to public records. The counties of Missouri covered are as follows; Crawford, Washington, Franklin, Gasconade, St. François, Ste. Genevieve, and Jefferson counties.

Pratt Archive Collections This Collections comprises of a series of books containing cemeteries, family histories, biographies and various books by individual authors. There are several sections with this group... **Cemeteries** contain documented census information for various cemeteries in Crawford, Washington and Franklin Counties of Missouri. **Family Histories** are a collection of historical books concerning a group of a family or family names.

CRADLE TO GRAVE (C2G) PROFILE The Cradle to Grave Profile (C2G) documents an individual's life from the cradle to the grave. All known research material concerning that individual is represented in a family group sheet format. These C2G profiles are presented to the researcher within a family group sheet detailing the husband, his spouses and all known children. Regardless of how many times the subject has been married, the researcher receives a full report on all known spouses and children.

The Pratt Chronicles... The Pratt Chronicles series or what we call a Cradle to Grave (C2G) profile on steroids, is an in-depth comprehensive biography on one individual's life encompassing all known events, including historical factors from the time of their birth to their burial. These events are comprised of current music, inventions, movies, family births, deaths, marriages, legal documents, occupations, military participation, pictures, maps, mementos, world history, US history and economic conditions as they occurred on a yearly basis.

LITERARY HISTORY SERIES contains rare books concerning family history written by other authors...many who are deceased. These books were bought over the years and now enjoy the status of a rare find in the genealogical library.

VIEW FROM THE MAST... Over the years, Mr. Pratt has found it necessary to write articles concerning observations concerning various family history topics or what we call personal artifacts. These reports, articles and short stories are contained in this section labeled...View From the Mast.

A Little Something About Your Author.....

Having a unique perspective from the top of mast on the sailing ship of discovery, Mr. Pratt has sailed through the waters of family history research for the last 40 years. These articles were designed to bring to the attention of family historians some unusual details he has witnessed during his research tenure.

Genealogical Institute M.A.G.I. Courses These courses were developed over the years to assist the novice as well as the professional in all manners pertaining to family history research. Written in easy to read format with detailed explanations concerning various subjects of interest to family history researchers.

Pratt Progenitor Papers Series This series is comprised of the famous Pratt Progenitor Papers. Starting with a known ancestor, this collection covers 2 or more generations of descendants. Each volume follows a particular individual and his descendants including children, grandchildren and spouses if known. Each of these volumes include legal and detailed information about a particular ancestor...many contain Cradle to Grave (C2G) Profiles. The order of reporting is as follows: 1st a Descendancy report on the primary, which is usually the husband; 2nd the primary or husband followed by all known wives, then 3rd the second generation comprising of all known children and their spouses, followed by additional subsequent generations of descendants. The **PPP** are light on speculation and assumptions, heavy on factual documentation offering research insights and suggestions.

ANCESTRAL FAMILY HISTORY OF... This book showcases a selected individual usually a living descendant, detailing their direct line ancestors as far as the research has been completed. This type of format is known as an enhanced pedigree chart. These books contain as many as 10 to 70 generations limited only by the number of ancestors of our primary individual. Whereas, pedigree charts list only the vitals on an individual, these books generate all known notes, articles, legal documents and if applicable, Cradle to Grave (C2G) Profiles on each and every direct line ancestor and their spouses.

When accessing Mr. Pratt's books on Open Library, click on the heading of each list and you will be directed to the books, articles, stories and commentaries contained in each section. Click on the title of the book or article you desire for a full explanation of the item with contents. On the upper right hand column, are the words "Read Online" and PDF. All of these publications have been uploaded to the Internet Archive Digital Library repository and you can access them directly at the following...
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We, in the genealogical world are deeply grateful to be associates of a man of Mr. Pratt's caliber. Through his research and dedication, future generations will benefit by his advances in the genealogical research field.

In addition we are thankful for the inspiration that sparks men like Mr. Pratt to magnify their love for people and history. We feel, with a lifetime dedicated to the genealogical pursuit of truth and knowledge, Mr. Pratt's accumulative body of work, will stand as a quintessential manifestation of this divine love.

Lewton Cole, Chairman
Genealogical Institute

Floyd Thomas "Tom" Pratt F. H. C., M. A. G. I. Pedigree Chart

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Chart no. 1





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VIEW FROM THE MAST SERIES

Personal artifacts from our author

ACCESSING PRATT PUBLICATIONS

By

Floyd Thomas Pratt, F.H.C., M.A.G.I.

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Over my 40-year tenure in the field of family history research, it became clear to me not only did I have the responsibility to find, research, validate and post my ancestors into my personal family history database, but in my pursuit of my own ancestors, I researched various allied families of my ancestors and in the process touched the families of other family researchers.

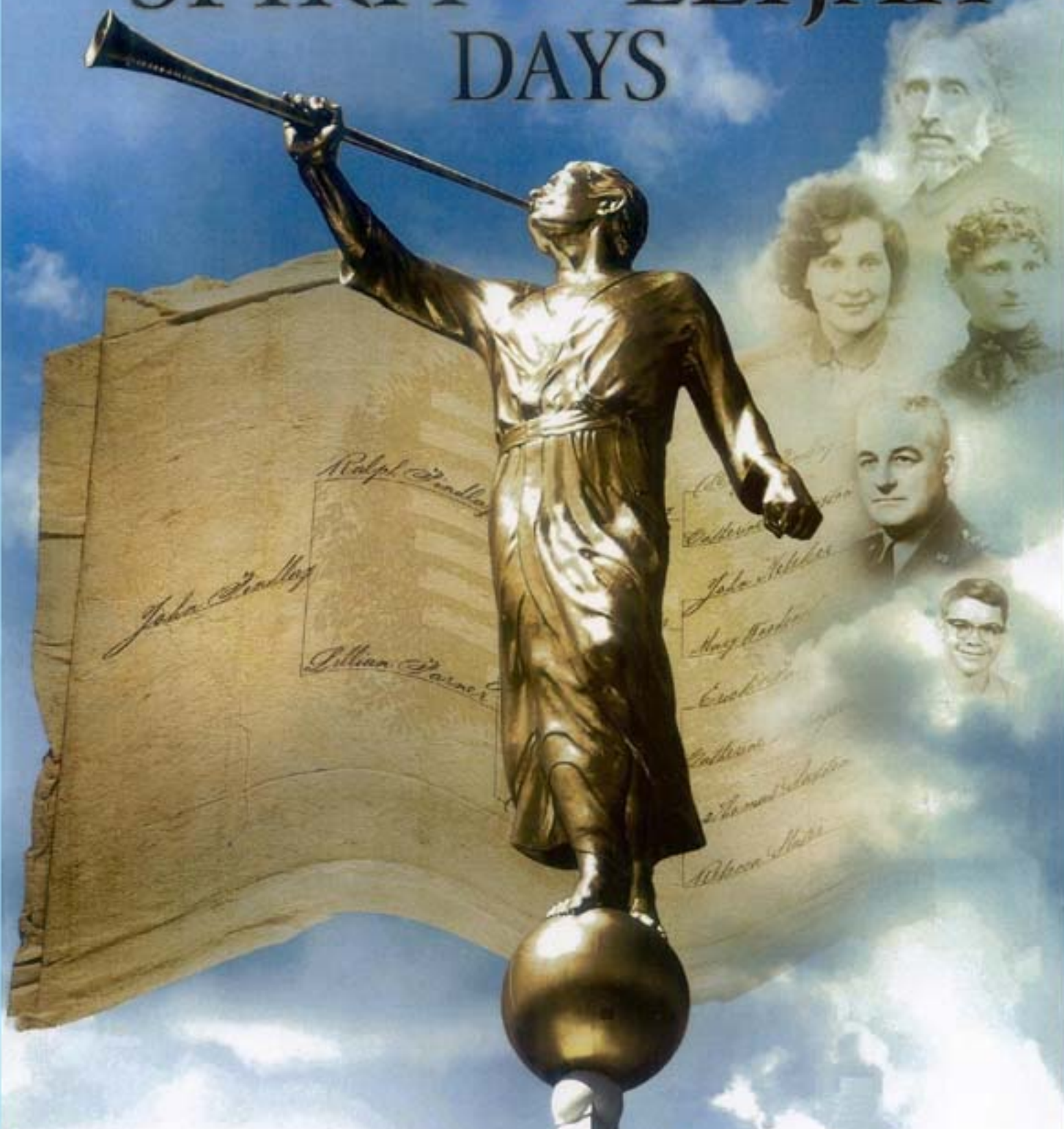
Always with a focus on temple ordinances, I accumulated over 55,000 names in my database as of 2015. Not wanting this material to be "lost" to other researchers, I began a series of publications back in 1991, which has grown to over 300 books, articles, stories and commentaries.

With the help of the Lord, a decision was made to post these publications on various websites, one in particular website called "Open Library". This article instructs you on how to access the websites and books I have posted.

Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I.

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SPIRIT OF ELIJAH DAYS



"BEHOLD, I WILL SEND YOU ELIJAH THE PROPHET BEFORE THE COMING OF THE GREAT AND DREADFUL DAY OF THE LORD: AND HE SHALL TURN THE HEART OF THE FATHERS TO THE CHILDREN, AND THE HEART OF THE CHILDREN TO THEIR FATHERS, LEST I COME AND SMITE THE EARTH WITH A CURSE. MALACHI 4:5-6

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[1] Read each list and description

[2] Open each list and read and observe the book titles that have been currently posted. When you find a subject of interest, follow the steps below for access.

[3] Click on the title of the book and you will see the contents and information concerning the publication.

[4] On the right hand side you will see icons labeled Read and Read Online and PDF. Click on PDF and Open Library will take you to the website of Internet Archive, a repository of digital books open to the public for free.

[5] When my title page opens up, in the lower right hand corner will be an icon of a floppy disk. I suggest you save this book to your computer so you can read it at your leisure.

If you are having trouble accessing these books, as long as I am alive, I can send them to you through your email if you request.

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I have received unsolicited donations as small as a restaurant gift card to a check for \$350 for services rendered. The amount is not important, just the satisfaction...other family history researchers appreciate my hard earned endeavors over the last 40 years. Regardless, I am glad to be of service and if I can help you in the future please inquire. Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I.

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POTENTIAL PROBLEMS ACCESSING THESE BOOKS

Using Windows XP with Google Chrome as your Browser

It has come to my attention when using Widows XP and accessing Open Library at my link of

<https://openlibrary.org/people/floydpratt59/lists>

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Attackers on ia801504.us.archive.org might attempt to trick you into installing that harm your browsing experience (for example, by changing your home page or showing extra Ads on sites you visit.)

Details

Back to Safety

When you click on Details the following appears...

Google Safe Browsing recently found harmful programs on ia801504.us.archive.org.

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I always ignore this page and click on **visit this site** which take me directly to my book on Internet Archive.

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WHAT'S GOING ON?

This warning has nothing to do with my publications; I suspect some publishers, writers and authors have made deals with software manufactures to allow them to attach unwanted adware and other programs to their books earning them additional compensation.

MOZILLA FIREFOX BROWSER

When I switched my browser to Mozilla Firefox using Bing and using the same link to Open Library there is no message as above. In fact, it takes you directly to Internet Archive and my book.

<https://www.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/new/>

I have been noticing problems with Google Chrome for several months, for example, not only is it slow, but when I visit www.findagrave.com after a few minutes letters and words on the memorials begin to disappear and are replaced with gibberish and lines rendering the site unusable. But when I use Firefox as my browser I do not have that problem.

Also, I found when I try to use my old Internet Explorer as my browser and I post the open library link as stated above if it does take you to my Lists page, when you select a book as a PDF it states it cannot make the connection.

I wrote to Open Library concerning this issue and their reply was the following...

Open Library Support 11:15 AM (21 hours ago)
26 November 2015

to me

Hi and thank you for contacting us,

Pretty sure you are getting this message because one page on the domain Open Library is trying to access and potentially download content on another domain archive.org. Some browsers and malware detectors see this as a potential threat because a page could be loading content from a nefarious site unbeknownst to you. This is how our site is set up to work however, so you are welcome to ignore that warning message.

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The Open Library Team/jw
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Mozilla Firefox is a faster browser and works great. However, for those of you who are still using Google Chrome or Internet Explorer I suggest another approach.

- [1] If you already know the name of the book you wish to access
- [2] Go directly to <https://archive.org/index.php> by copying the address and pasting it in your browser address bar
- [3] There is a search bar in the middle of the page and type the title of the book then click on GO
- [4] It will bring up the title and my name and a short description...click on the title
- [5] The title page will appear on the right hand column under Download Options will be the PDF
- [6] Unfortunately the same red page posted by Google Chrome (if you are still using Google Chrome) appears but click on the **details** and then the **visit the site** and then it gives you full access to the book and on the right you see the floppy disk for download.

I think it would be quicker to go through Open Library if you are using Google Chrome or Internet Explorer.

If you are still having problems then email me and I will send the book through our email connections.

When you are at the Internet Archive website, click on my name under the title of the book and it will show you how many of my books, articles or stories have been posted as of this date.

That's why I like Open Library because I can breakdown these books into Lists so I can keep track of them.

USING WINDOWS 7 WITH FIREFOX AS YOUR BROWSER

When I tried going to Open Library I had no problem. When I clicked on a book and clicked the PDF icon I got a little red page stating.

Reported Unwanted Software Page

This Web page on ia801504.us.archive.org has been reported to contain unwanted software and has been blocked based on your security preferences. Unwanted software pages try to install unwanted software that can be deceptive and affect your system in unexpected ways.

Get me Out of here

Why was this page blocked?

Ignore this warning

I clicked on the "Ignore this warning" button and it took me directly to my book.

My only conclusion is that some books on Internet Archive may have had hackers attaching software programs to some of the millions of books they house.

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If you surf their website and browse their millions of books and download a bunch of their books then you might pick up one of these free riding software programs. However, if you stick to my books and just download them only, I don't think you have anything to worry about.

I do not have any programs attached to these books. However, I will investigate other repositories where I can post these books for your free access, but I am sure they all suffer this problem.

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WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

Like anything you see for free on the Internet, beware nothing is free in this world.

We are taught as Latter Day Saints there are three worlds in our Heavenly Father's Kingdom. First the Celestial World where he and others reside, known as the highest kingdom, then there is the Terrestrial World, where good people reside but they were not valiant in this life and then there is the Telestial World who are of people who were the least valiant and righteous.

[http://www.mormonwiki.com/Celestial, Terrestrial, and Telestial Kingdoms](http://www.mormonwiki.com/Celestial,_Terrestrial,_and_Telestial_Kingdoms)

This earth in its present state is a representation of the Telestial World. If you don't like it here and you are spiritual then you are probably destined for a higher spiritual world. Because this world contains people who are a mixture of the above three worlds, we have so much evil.

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You can download a free trial sample at that website to see just how good it is. I just now scanned my computer for threats and the above program Malwarebytes found 5 harmful programs and with a click of a button they were removed.

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So, what I suggest, when you see one of those warning pages, just ignore the warning and when it displays my cover page, download my book as soon as you see the disc icon on the lower right for download.

MY LISTS ON OPEN LIBRARY AND THEIR DESCRIPTIONS

Presently there are 10 lists under my authorship posted on Open Library. They are not in any order but the categories are as follows...

Cradle to Grave Profiles (C2G)

Over the years, I found it necessary to organize my notes concerning individuals into a chronological format beginning with their birth date and various events all through their lives accumulating with their death and burial locations. As I formulated this research, I labeled my efforts aptly named the Cradle to Grave Profiles (C2G).

These profiles have become famous to family history researches due to their detailed documented facts containing material from rare and hard to find resources.

These mini-biographies present all the known research material available to the author concerning that individual at the time of their creation.

Using this style of recording data concerning our ancestor's life, allows the researcher to insert, move, delete, change and follow their subject's life events without losing track of their timeline.

Another advantage of using this type of documentation helps the researcher at a glance, to focus on the locale and time period where additional repositories containing information concerning their subject may be located.

Events such as political, historical and environmental are illustrated as well as legal documents, newspapers and historical records to acclimate the reader during the time frame of that ancestor's lifetime. Even though this series utilizes the following documents, some of these publications do not contain the actual copy of maps, legal documents and pictures concerning the subject's life.

The more comprehensive publications, i.e., The Pratt Chronicles... enhance these mini-biographies with actual copies of the documents pertaining to that individual's life.

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Family vital information of all known spouses and children are included as it pertains to the subject's timeline. What makes these reports so useful to the family history researcher is the documented evidence chronologically presented with verified proof of these events during the life of the subject prevents the reader from asking, "Where did they get that information?"

Creating a Cradle to Grave (C2G) Profile is the first step in formatting a biography and is the foundation for writing a book on the life of your subject.

Be mindful, over the last 40 years of family history research I have created thousands of C2G Profiles of which only a few are listed here. If you do not see someone you are interested in, email me at floydpratt59@gmail.com and I will check my 55,000-name database and will post what I have on your ancestor.

Literary History Series

Literary History Series contains rare books concerning family history written by various authors...many who are deceased. These books were acquired over the years and now enjoy the status of a rare find in any genealogical library. These books are offered freely to help advance family history knowledge.

Pratt Progenitor Papers

Pratt Progenitor Papers by Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I. is a series of a collection of descendant information covering an individual and 2 or more generations of descendants.

Each volume follows a particular individual and his descendants including children, grandchildren and spouses if known. Each of these volumes include legal and detailed information about a particular ancestor...many contain Cradle to Grave (C2G) Profiles.

The order of reporting is as follows: 1st a Descendancy report on the primary, which is usually the husband; 2nd the primary or husband followed by all known wives, 3rd the second generation comprising of all known children and their spouses, followed by additional subsequent generations of descendants.

View From the Mast...

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Having a unique perspective from the top of the mast on the sailing ship of discovery, I have sailed through the waters of research for the last 40 years. These articles were designed to bring to the attention of family historians some unusual details I have witnessed during my voyage.

Pratt-Bach Ancestral Trilogies

This list is not a book but a directory of books attributed to one progenitor. This directory directs the reader to the appropriate locations where the books can be accessed. Only progenitors who have had at least three, books, articles, stories or commentaries will be admitted to this list.

These books can be personal testimonies of the life of the individual, life recollections concerning the individual, Ancestral Family Histories of the individual and Cradle to Grave Profiles of the named individual.

This list was created to help the family history researcher find, locate, access and save these valuable books concerning our collective family history. Authored by Bonnie Kathleen (**BACH**) Pratt F.H.C. and Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I.

Ancestral Family Histories (AFH)

The Pratt Progenitor Papers comprises of a selected ancestor and reporting on their descendants for a numbered generations. This is known as a descendency book. Under the PPP format, all known descendants are represented in that book including each child and their spouse for a chosen number of subsequent generations.

The Ancestral Family History (AFH) consists of choosing a **living descendant**, and producing a book from the descendant following **direct line ancestors** as far as the research has been completed.

This type of format is known as a pedigree chart listing as many as 30 to 50 generations concerning the number of ancestors of that individual.

Much more than pedigree charts, these books generate all known notes, articles, legal documents and if applicable, Cradle to Grave (C2G) Profiles on each and every direct line ancestor and their spouses.

Due to the extensive research, I have acquired over the last 40 years, I have accumulated a vast amount of family history information on thousands of people and it is not uncommon for these books to generate over 800 pages.

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Pratt Archive Collections

This Collection comprises of a series of books containing cemetery records, family histories, biographies and various books compiled by individual authors.

Genealogical Institute

Over the past 38 years, Mr. Pratt has observed a lack of organized research efforts to help the serious genealogy researcher.

One organization...the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and their Family History Center has been a magnificent repository of information needed to help advance genealogical research. However, even that institution is at the mercy of individuals who are willing to donate their publications and research. Consequently, a multitude of research material never makes it to their doors.

The Genealogical Institute was created to offer superb tools to help the genealogical researcher in three vital areas... research, academic and publication. The tools and courses within have been designed to assist the public in genealogical research and help fill the void in their genealogical education.

Vital Text Series

This category offers public records including but not exclusive...marriages, deeds, census and various documents from County Courthouse Records in Missouri.

Scrutinized and compiled by this author for accuracy and cross referenced with census and family histories to ensure the most complete and accurate records available in print today.

The Pratt Chronicles Series

A unique collection of biographies on various ancestors. Enhancing the Cradle to Grave (C2G) format with pictures, newspaper articles, legal documents, census records, yearly newsworthy events and an annual synopsis of the individual's life and activities.

Under each category list are multiple books concerning related topics for that particular category.

My purpose is to leave behind family history research for future generations to help save them time, effort and money allowing them to forge new research into newly discovered records without a duplication of effort.

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I am posting new material at Open Library almost on a weekly basis so check back often to see what is new or what I would suggest, email me and ask me if there are any new books on the family lines you are interested in.

I have amassed so much material over the last 40 years, which has not been posted; if you ask, I will work on your request to expedite your books of interest. Thank you for your interest and participation.

Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I.
20 November 2015

A Little Something About Your Author.....

Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I.



At the age of 19, Mr. Pratt embarked on a career in law enforcement. This experience gave him training in detective and investigative skills. Little did Mr. Pratt know, how useful these skills would be in the field of genealogy.


Floyd started his family research career in 1975 after becoming a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. His first calling as a new member was to serve in the newly created genealogical department or known today as the Family History Center in the Springfield, Missouri ward. This two-year calling gave Mr. Pratt a tremendous amount of experience helping others to research their families.

In fact, he felt family research came easy and required little effort on his part. In reality, years of reading and studying increased his expertise and he made it look easy to others. Over the course of several years, Mr. Pratt was asked by his church to instruct several family history courses. This experience established a deep profound love for family and ancestors. It was not uncommon for Mr. Pratt to spend 4 to 8 hours a day researching and compiling family histories in addition to his duties, as an entrepreneur in the insurance business.

The first major achievement for Mr. Pratt was a breakthrough on his Pratt family back to the early 1800's. Due to confusion with Pratt ancestors and not satisfied with just the direct line research, Mr. Pratt branched out to research all connected lines and allied families.

This dedication led to 50,000 individuals in his database and has achieved expert status for Mr. Pratt on the families of middle and eastern Missouri, eastern and western Tennessee and central North Carolina.

Concerning Mr. Pratt's style of research, he is a strong supporter of the "hands on" approach. When he took family vacations, they usually went to libraries, cemeteries, courthouses, National Archive centers, and visited family members in various states. He attended family reunions and obtained his material from the actual sources when possible.

Being a researcher of the highest degree, in 1991, Mr. Pratt created  **Pratt Publications**.

He began to offer to the public, a series of books titled, Pratt Progenitor Papers. This series of volumes are a collection of legal documents, stories, pictures and historical presentations concerning the families of Missouri, Tennessee and North Carolina.

The first three Volumes were released to the public in 1991 and were issued to 18 different libraries including the Library of Congress and the St. Louis Public Library. The next 11 volumes were sent to the Salt Lake Genealogical Library with 60 volumes scheduled for publication.

In 1996, Mr. Pratt created the  **Genealogical Institute** to further the education of serious researchers.

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The **Genealogical Institute** offers a series of educational materials to teach and instruct the novice as well as advanced researchers, procedures Mr. Pratt has tried and tested to be of great value in family history research. These courses offer “a hands on” curriculum designed to instruct in investigative, deductive reasoning and logical techniques for tracking your family history. Many have found a treasure chest of knowledge when undertaking these courses.

Mr. Pratt has taken the hobby of genealogy and has enhanced it into a science. Heavy on instructions concerning documentation, research procedures, alternative sources and common public records, these courses are valuable tools for the family history researcher. Mr. Pratt has been informed by researchers his material found in his publications are recorded as source validation for such organizations as the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

Upon completion of the educational courses from the **Genealogical Institute**, the graduate is awarded the *Master Accreditation* of the *Genealogical Institute*. (*M.A.G.I.*) Written in easy to read format with detailed explanations concerning various subjects of interest to family history researchers.

Mr. Pratt's ability in family history research has amazed many experienced researchers. When Mr. Pratt is asked for help concerning their “brick wall” in their family research, his quick wit and logical mind rapid fires instructions and procedures so fast they cannot write the material quickly enough. Little do they realize, this knowledge has been acquired over 40 years of research.

In June of 2000, Mr. Pratt undertook a new and unprecedented task. Outside of Washington, Saint John's Township, Franklin County, Missouri is an old cemetery called the Johnson-Caldwell Cemetery aka; misnamed the McAllister Cemetery. This cemetery has many pioneer heroes and ancestors of various descendants from that region. Some of the inhabitants were born in the 1750's and arrived in the Missouri Territory shortly after the 1803 Louisiana Purchase.

Mr. Pratt recorded all the information off of the headstones including every person in the cemetery and researched each individual related to Mr. Pratt or not. 1000 man-hours and two years later, he published the book “**JOHNSON-CALDWELL CEMETERY OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSOURI**”©.

Obtaining newspapers, legal documents, talking to ancestors and researching various sources for any and all information concerning the history of the cemetery and the inhabitants produced this master text.

What makes this book unique is based on several factors. First, it is the only book to report on each inhabitant, their birth and activities throughout their life until their death, including their ancestors, spouses and children. Second, this book contains a unique index, listing the individual and their father's name if known. This is extremely helpful when several individuals have the same given name.

Upon examination, professional researchers have hailed this body of work as a masterpiece and a standard in which all future research should be based. No one has ever produced a body of work as unique and professional as this publication.

As the years moved on, Mr. Pratt became concerned about his 40 years of hard research work of various family histories. After a serious heart attack in 2012, Mr. Pratt decided to post his collective bodies of work on a website making them available to all interested researchers without compensation.

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After careful consideration, Mr. Pratt chose the website www.openlibrary.org. "Open Library" is a repository of millions of digital books available to the public for free.

There are two or more ways to access Mr. Pratt's publications.

If you open the website as listed above you click on the authors label on the left hand side and type Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I. The website will open to his name, click his name and you will be directed to a listing with his name, picture and listing of presently 79 publications (2015).

You can either scroll the list or an easier way to reach his lists is at the following website...

<https://openlibrary.org/people/floydpratt59/lists>

If you notice there are currently 9 lists or categories of books, article, stories and commentaries attributed to Mr. Pratt's publications.

These "Lists" are broken down as follows not necessarily in any order...

Vital Text Series This section covers public vital records. Including marriage records, deeds, census records, births, deaths, probate and indexes to public records. The counties of Missouri covered are as follows; Crawford, Washington, Franklin, Gasconade, St. François, Ste. Genevieve, and Jefferson counties.

Pratt Archive Collections This Collections comprises of a series of books containing cemeteries, family histories, biographies and various books by individual authors. There are several sections with this group... **Cemeteries** contain documented census information for various cemeteries in Crawford, Washington and Franklin Counties of Missouri. **Family Histories** are a collection of historical books concerning a group of a family or family names.

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The Pratt Chronicles... The Pratt Chronicles series or what we call a Cradle to Grave (C2G) profile on steroids, is an in-depth comprehensive biography on one individual's life encompassing all known events, including historical factors from the time of their birth to their burial. These events are comprised of current music, inventions, movies, family births, deaths, marriages, legal documents, occupations, military participation, pictures, maps, mementos, world history, US history and economic conditions as they occurred on a yearly basis.

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When accessing Mr. Pratt's books on Open Library, click on the heading of each list and you will be directed to the books, articles, stories and commentaries contained in each section. Click on the title of the book or article you desire for a full explanation of the item with contents. On the upper right hand column, are the words "Read Online" and PDF. All of these publications have been uploaded to the Internet Archive Digital Library repository and you can access them directly at the following...
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We, in the genealogical world are deeply grateful to be associates of a man of Mr. Pratt's caliber. Through his research and dedication, future generations will benefit by his advances in the genealogical research field.

In addition we are thankful for the inspiration that sparks men like Mr. Pratt to magnify their love for people and history. We feel, with a lifetime dedicated to the genealogical pursuit of truth and knowledge, Mr. Pratt's accumulative body of work, will stand as a quintessential manifestation of this divine love.

Lewton Cole, Chairman
Genealogical Institute

Floyd Thomas "Tom" Pratt F. H. C., M. A. G. I. Pedigree Chart

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